

**Study Series on the**

# **HOLY SPIRIT**



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## **Preface to the Study on the Holy Spirit**

I have discovered over the years that so many believers know nothing or very little about the person of the Holy Spirit and worse still there are lots of misconceptions about Him. So many have taught He is just a force or a power and not a person. Hence they only think about Him when they want to “use Him” to do something. Some others have become superstitious about the Holy Spirit. They see Him as too sacred to want to relate with us. And still others have seen Him as a delicate person, who is easily offended and have hot temper, what comes to their mind whenever Holy Spirit is mentioned is the unpardonable sin, grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit. This fear has scared these sets of people away from wanting to relate with Holy Spirit.

In this ten parts classical teaching series on the Holy Spirit, we went through the word of God to examine who the Holy Spirit is to us, and His works in the life of the believers. We also examined how to relate with Him at different levels, getting deeper each time. We treated the different misconception subtopics about Him: What it means to grieve or quench Him and what the unpardonable sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is. In addition, Baptism of the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Holy Spirit was one of the central themes. Besides we did a little dig in into the Gifts and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

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During the course of the teaching, lots of questions were asked and answered by me and other seasoned teachers, I will be providing the links to the original posts. You can visit the original posts, with the comments, questions, answers etc through the links.

If you have any question, or need any help especially on this topic and any other Spiritual related issue and you want to share with us, feel free to write me through my email which I will provide below:

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Alight. Let us take this adventurous journey to become more intimate with the Holy Spirit together, it is mind blowing and will inspire deeper hunger for God in you. God bless you as your read on.

Yours faithfully in His service,

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## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 1

Introduction to the series:

As I listed out in the original post, there are so many subtopics that will be covered, so this series will be longest I have ever had. It will take several posts and probably take days or a few weeks.

So my first request is that you should please hang in there with me, because we have a long way to go. And I will definitely be interrupting the series with other non-related posts, to avoid monotony.

My 2nd request is that I know that there will likely be some questions, even though I will try to cover as many questions I have ever been asked before now. My request is to please limit your question to the particular subtopic we are studying. If you have questions about the future subtopic on Holy Spirit that we have not covered, please inbox them to me, so I can take note and include the answers in the note when we get to those subtopics.

### PART 1 - MEET THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We are going to start this series by discussing who Holy Spirit is.

Before we talk about what Holy Spirit does in you, we first want to know Him as described in the Bible. That is what we are doing in this first part.

First of all, so many people have been taught directly or indirectly that Holy Spirit is some special force that you use for deliverance: HOLY GHOSTTTTT... the way some deliverance minister calls Him. Some people even think He is the fire of God to burn the enemy.

No, Holy Spirit is NOT a mystical force, He is NOT a fire. HE IS A PERSON.

#### HE HAS A MIND.

"And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." Romans 8:27

HE HAS EMOTIONS. He can be grieved, or annoyed.

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30

#### HE HAS A WILL. He can decide.

"For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements" Acts 15:28

#### HE TALKS .

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2. Also check 1 Timothy 4:1,

### HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD. HE IS THE THIRD PERSON OR SIMPLY A MEMBER OF THE TRINITY.

PLEASE NOTE, SAYING HE IS THE THIRD PERSON IS NOT BIENG HIERRACHAL BUT HE IS JUST AN EQUAL MEMEBER OF THE TRINITY.

Even though this study is not about study of Trinity, but it is necessary for us at this point to mention and establish this DIVINE concept.

Jesus being the Son of God, made it clear that HE AND THE FATHER ARE ONE . John 1:30. Also John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word. The Word (Jesus) was with God. And the Word was God. "So, that shows the Oneness of Jesus with God the Father.

Then Holy Spirit was referred to as God in Acts 5:3-4:

Acts 5: 3-4 "Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you HAVE LIED TO THE

HOLY SPIRIT and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have NOT LIED JUST TO HUMAN BEINGS BUT TO GOD." So, Holy Spirit was referred to as God.

HOLY SPIRIT HAS THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD.

HE IS OMNIPRESENT – PRESENT EVERYWHERE

Psalm 139:7-8 “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

HE IS OMNISCIENT – HE KNOWS ALL THINGS.

1 Corinthians 2: 10-11 “These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

HE IS OMNIPOTENT – HE CAN DO ALL THINGS.

The works of Jesus was done by the Holy Spirit. (Matthews 12:28). Holy Spirit creates (Psalm 104:30). Jesus was resurrected by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:11

HE IS ETERNAL.

Hebrews 9:14 “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through THE ETERNAL SPIRIT offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”

HE IS IN THE SAME ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST.

2 Corinthians 13:14 “May the GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT be with you all.”

1 Peter 1:2 “according to the FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD THE FATHER, in the SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, for OBEDIENCE TO JESUS CHRIST and for sprinkling with his blood.....”

SOME SYMBOLS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE:

A few symbols were used to represent or describe the Holy Spirit in the Bible.

Water (John 7:37 - 39)

Dove. (Luke 3:22)

Oil. (Acts 10:38, Luke 4:18)

Fire. (Acts 2:3, Isaiah 4:4)

Wind or Breathe (Acts 2:2).

Please NOTE that these symbols were used only for representation of Holy Spirit. He is not the symbol. HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT OLIVE OIL.

Don't become an herbalist by turning olive oil you got from churches to some sacred thing to idolize. Don't idolize prayer water. This one of the errors we recently had in the Christendom. Please don't idolize the symbols. GO AFTER THE REALITY. GO AFTER HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF, NOT SYMBOLS.

SOME NAMES AND TITLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Some of the titles define His functions in our lives..

1. Spirit of God (Ephesians 4:30, Genesis 1:2, Romans 8:9a, Matthew 3: 16)
2. Spirit of Christ (1 Peter 1:11, Romans 8:9b)
3. Spirit of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2, Isaiah 61:1)
4. Spirit of Truth. (John 16:13)

5. Comforter/Advocate/ Counselor. (John 14:16, John 16:7)
6. Teacher. (John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2: 13)
7. Guide into All Truth (John 14:26, John 16:13)
8. Seal/Deposit/Ernest/Guarantor of God's Children for the day of redemption. 2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:5, Ephesians 1:13-14)
9. The Anointing/ The One that Anoints. (Acts 10:38, Luke 4:18)
10. The Intercessor for God's people. Romans 8:26, 27
11. Our Helper. (John 14:26 NKJV)
12. Testifier/Witness of Our Salvation. Romans 8:16)

#### TODAY'S TAKE AWAY AND RECAP – WHAT TO DO:

We have learnt a few things about the Holy Spirit in this part. First of all, we need to start seeing Holy Spirit as a person and start relating with Him that way. He wants fellowship. He wants you to talk and listen to Him. He is quiet and does not force Himself on people.

We have also learnt that Holy Spirit is God. He is holy, eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent, and omniscient. He is not less of God than the Father or the Son Jesus. He only has a different role to play. Stop looking down on Him. He is as important as God the Father and Jesus our Savior. Acknowledge and respect Him as God.

Lastly, we learnt some of the names of the Holy Spirit and some of the names that define His functions in our lives. Holy Spirit is Our teacher and He teaches ALL TRUTHS. Ask Him to teach you in different aspects of your life. Ask Him to teach you the Scriptures. Bible says "He teaches us to profit" He can tell you the right investment to do or the right person to meet. He talks. Listen to Him. We are going to be learning on how to hear Him in the later parts of this series.

Holy Spirit is a Guide. Ask Him to guide you in all your decisions, major and minor decisions. Ask for His guidance in daily decisions and lifetime decisions.

Holy Spirit is a Comforter. Ask for His comfort in any part of your life that you need comfort.

He is a helper. Ask for His help. You should not go through life using trial and error. There is need for precision. Talk to Holy Spirit to help you to be precise in life.

#### LET US PRAY: .

Dear Lord Jesus. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to leave with me forever.

Holy Spirit, I want to know you in a greater dimension than ever.

I want to understand You more. Please reveal yourself to me.

Speak to me like never before and help me to hear you more clearly.

Guide me into all truths, about every aspect of my life.

Reveal Jesus to me daily as I study His word. Help me in every part of my life.

I want to relate with you more tangibly.

Please help me to commune and fellowship with you regularly.

Thank you for your love and for being very patient with me.

I love you Lord. In Jesus name. Amen.

## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 2. HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BELIEVERS.

We started by learning more about the person of Holy Spirit. He is a person and not just a force. In fact He is God and a Member of Godhead Trinity. We also learnt some of His popular names, some of which are related to His functions. This is so important because we need to start relating with Him as a person for us to enjoy Him to the best.

Today, we want to establish the fact that EVERY BELIEVER HAS HOLY SPIRIT RESIDENT IN HIM/HER. ALSO HIS ROLE IN OUR ETERNAL SECURITY.

### DO I HAVE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME OR NOT?

I have heard believers ask "Do I have the Holy Spirit? I don't speak in tongues or prophesy and I don't hear Him speak to me?" Today we want to answer that question from the Scripture.

### The Role of Holy Spirit in Salvation

First of all, you need to understand what happens at Salvation. You thought you just believed on the Lord Jesus and confessed Him as Lord and you are saved. That is correct. But it is more than that. Something happens in the spiritual realm. YOU WERE BORN OF THE SPIRIT.

When you are saved, you got born again. Let us read what Jesus wrote about the New Birth in John 3: 3, 5 – 6

3 "Jesus replied 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless they are born again'"

5-6 "Jesus answered "Verily truly I tell you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God, unless they are born of the water and the Spirit. Flesh give birth to flesh BUT the Spirit (Holy Spirit) give birth to spirit (our spirit) "" (NIV – Parenthesis mine)

What happens at Salvation is a Spiritual Birth operation. Holy Spirit is involved in the Salvation of every Son and Daughter of God. HOLY SPIRIT GIVES BIRTH TO OUR SPIRIT. That is what it means to be born of the Spirit. Every true Child of God went through this experience at Salvation. BUT IT DOES NOT STOP THERE.

### HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS EVERY BELIEVER FROM SALVATION.

"Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!." Galatians 4:6

"...Rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to Sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are God's children." Romans 8: 16

How do you know you are born again? Because the Holy Spirit who is dwelling in you bears witness that "Yes, You are God's Son / Daughter" You know that you know that you know you are God's child because of this deep witness of the Holy Spirit within.

I remember those days under law and religion whenever I listened to those strong condemnation sermons that make you feel you have lost your Salvation. The way I always checked was by the Spirit. I used to ask Him whether He was still there and He would speak clearly to my spirit "I AM STILL HERE. YOU ARE GOD'S SON, NO SHAKING" That was one of my anchors and bullet proofs against religion those days. THE SPIRIT BEARING WITNESS WITHIN ME THAT I AM GOD'S SON"

Read this acid test passage.

"".....And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ" Romans 8:9

If ANYONE, no exception has no Holy Spirit, then he or she is not saved, not born again and does not belong to Jesus. He may be highly religious and extremely moral. He is just like those five foolish virgins that we studied recently, who took lamps (form of godliness) but they took NO OIL. They had no Spirit of godliness, they had NO HOLY SPIRIT. THEY DID NOT BELONG TO HIM.

No wonder when they came to plead with the Groom, the singular reason He gave them was "I DON'T KNOW YOU". The Lord knows those who are His (2 Timothy 2:19). That means they were not His. They were very religious and walked in the company of true Believers, but THEY DID NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, THEY DID NOT BELONG TO HIM.



Does the Lord know you? Do you belong to Him? Have you become His child? Do you have the Holy Spirit within you?

IF THE ANSWER TO THE FIRST 3 QUESTIONS IS YES, THEN YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. YOU MAY NOT BE SPEAKING IN TONGUES. YOU MAY NOT BE PROPHECYING. YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN HEARING HIM OFTEN. BUT HE IS THERE. HE IS INDWELLING YOU FOREVER.

But if you are not sure of your answer to the first 3 questions, then I cannot guarantee you that Holy Spirit is in you. You need to be born again. I am sure you wanna do it right now. Right? Let's go:

TWO STEPS:

1. BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, BELIEVE "IN YOUR HEART" THAT HE DIED FOR YOUR SINS AND RESSURECTED FOR YOUR JUSTIFICATION.
2. CONFESS HIM OUT WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT HE (JESUS) IS YOUR LORD"

IF you JUST TOOK those two steps above FROM YOUR HEART, let me be the first to welcome you to the Family of God. WOOOOOOW!!!! YOU JUST GOT BORN AGAIN. ALL YOUR SINS ARE GONE FOREVER AND YOU JUST GOT BORN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HE HAS COME INSIDE YOU RIGHT NOW TO DWELL WITH YOU FOREVER. GLORY TO GOD!!!

If you just got born again by taking the steps above, please send me an inbox message RIGHT NOW to let me know at ([favoradet@yahoo.com](mailto:favoradet@yahoo.com)),

and then I can show you how to enjoy this lovely relationship with the Father.

HOLY SPIRIT - THE SEAL, THE DEPOSIT AND GUARANTOR OF OUR ETERNAL SECURITY IN CHRIST. Let us look at what Jesus said when He promised to send Holy Spirit.

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and BE WITH YOU FOREVER" John 14:16

So, the MAIN purpose of the Holy Spirit is TO BE WITH BELIEVERS FOR EVER.

WHY IS THE FOREVER PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SO IMPORTANT TO US AS BELIEVERS?

"Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, and set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

The verse above explains the most important function of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer:.. GOD HAS PUT HIS SPIRIT IN US AS A DEPOSIT, GUARANTEEING WHAT IS TO COME"

The work of the Holy Spirit in us is to be God's seal and deposit - to GUARANTEE THAT WE ARE HIS AND HE IS COMING BACK FOR US. He is God's Guarantor, He stands to show that we are His and He is ours FOREVER!!!

Now let us read more Scriptures (out of 2 or 3 witnesses)

2 Corinthians 5:5 "Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

Ephesians 1:13-14 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

As confirmed by at 4 Bible verses above, the main purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to be A SEAL, A DEPOSIT AND A GUARANTOR- to confirm that we are God's children and complete the redemption of Our body at the Lord's coming.

He is there to tell us "Don't fear. I am God's signature of FULL GUARANTEE" that you are ETERNALLY SECURE in Christ!!!!!!!!!!

\*PLEASE NOTE: I WILL BE DISCUSSING WHAT IT MEANS TO GRIEVE OR QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE NEXT PART, WHICH WILL BE OUT IN FEW HOURS.

\* WE WILL ALSO STUDY THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT EVIDENCED BY SPEAKING IN TONGUES IN THE FUTURE SERIES. IT IS AN HIGHER OPERATION OF THE SPIRIT AND IT BELONGS TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN.

TAKE AWAYS FROM PART 2 AND RECAP:

1. BE 100% CONVINCED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE AS A CHILD OF GOD. Even if you have not heard Him speak to you for a long time. He is there and trying to speak, you are probably not giving Him enough attention. That is why you are not hearing Him.

2. Be sure that Holy Spirit is with you FOREVER. Even when/ if you commit sinful acts, Holy Spirit does not go away. He is there to fulfill Jesus's will TO BE WITH US FOREVER. We are going to be discussing more on this in the next part. ASSURE YOUR HEARTS WITH THIS TRUTH. HOLY SPRIT IS WITH YOU FOREVER.

3. Relate with Holy Spirit more consciously. When you wake up, talk to Him. It is different from when you are praying. You are just talking to Him. He is a companion. Fellowship with Him in your spirit. Spend time with Him alone. Enjoy His sweet presence. Love on Him. As you begin to take these practical steps, you will discover you are more aware and conscious of His presence in your life and you will be hearing Him more constantly.

4. HOLY SPIRIT'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE IS A SEAL AND GOD'S DEPOSIT OF YOUR ETERNAL SECURITY IN CHRIST JESUS. Whenever devil says his lies to you that you might loose your Salvation, remind him that YOU ARE ETERNALLY SECURE IN JESUS BECAUSE HIS HOLY SPIRIT IS WITH YOU FOREVER AND IS GOD'S SEAL THAT YOU ARE FOREVER HIS. YOU ARE HELD BY THE ETERNAL HANDS OF JEHOVAH.

Therefore, nothing can separate you from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus. That verse is not talking about your love for God, rather, God's Love for you. NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM HIS LOVE. AND THAT IS WHY HE GIVES YOU HIS SPIRIT TO DWELL WITH YOU FOREVER!!!

LET US PRAY: .

Dear Lord Jesus. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to live in me FOREVER.

Thank you for making Him a Seal and a Deposit, guaranteeing that I am eternally secure in you and no one can snatch me away from your hand.

Darling Holy Spirit, I want to know you in a greater dimension than ever.

I want to relate with you more tangibly. I want to fellowship with you more.

I want to understand You more. Please reveal yourself to me.

Speak to me like never before and help me to hear you more clearly..

Please help me to commune and fellowship with you regularly.

Thank you for your love and for being very patient with me.

I love you Lord. In Jesus name. Amen.

(Please leave me your comment especially the part that you learnt most today)

And if you have a question on this part, please feel free to ask. It might take me a while before I answer because of the time difference. But I sure will answer within 24 hours.)

GOD BLESS YOU. I LOVE YOU!!!



## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 3

CAN HOLY SPIRIT ABIDE IN A BELIEVER? – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GRIEVE AND QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT?.

We started by learning more about the person of Holy Spirit. He is a person and not just a force. In fact He is God and a Member of Godhead Trinity. We also learnt some of His popular names, some of which are related to His functions. This is so important because we need to start relating with Him as a person for us to enjoy Him to the best.

In part 2, we examined the fact that SALVATION OF EVERY BELIEVER WAS POSSIBLE ONLY BY THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Beyond that, every true child of God has the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. And in fact, you cannot be called a Son or Daughter of God if you don't have Holy Spirit. We receive Holy Spirit at Salvation as a Gift to dwell with us forever. HE CAME IN AS PART OF OUR SALVATION to dwell WITHIN us.

Although there is another dimension of experience we will look at later, which is called BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, the same thing as 'HOLY SPIRIT UPON', which is often characterized by speaking in tongues. This awesome experience is also for every believer. BUT AT THIS POINT, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT YET BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT "UPON", YOU HAVE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AND HE IS ACTING AS GOD'S SEAL OF OWNERSHIP. TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE HIS AND HE IS YOURS. A GUARANTEE AND A DEPOSIT.

Glory!!!! All those we learnt in part 2.

In this part 3, we are going to examine one of the areas which some people are always confused about. Will Holy Spirit be with me forever even when I grieve Him? What does it actually mean to grieve or quench the Holy Spirit? We will find answers to these questions in this part 3. Now let's go:

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL ABIDE IN YOU FOREVER:

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and BE WITH YOU FOREVER" John 14:16 NIV

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, WHO WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU." John 14:16 NLT

Ephesians 1:13-14 "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. WHEN YOU BELIEVED, YOU WERE MARKED IN HIM WITH A SEAL, THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT, WHO IS A DEPOSIT GUARANTEEING OUR INHERITANCE UNTIL THE REDEMPTION OF THOSE WHO ARE GOD'S POSSESSION--to the praise of his glory."

I recently heard a law preacher preach the other day, she said

"When you sin, WHAT DO YOU THINK the Holy Spirit will do?" And some of her audience replied that "Holy Spirit will leave".

I was like "whatttt? When did God's Word degenerate to the level of personal opinion?"

And I felt so sad at the level of ignorance still displayed in the body of Christ. First, hear her question, WHAT DO YOU THINK? The Word of God is not subject to what you think. The Word of God is very clear on this topic. JESUS SAID "HE WILL BE WITH YOU FOREVER"

Jesus DID NOT say "He will be with you until you sin. Or until you grieve or quench Him." It is a non-conditional promise. HOLY SPIRIT PRESENCE IN YOU IS AS SURE AND SECURE AS YOUR ETERNAL SALVATION.

The people who peddle the idea of temporary Salvation are the same who peddle the idea that Holy Spirit leaves believers if they sin.

Then what happens when they confess their sins? He comes back. Then leaves, then comes back, then leaves, then comes back, then leaves,.... He might have to leave 20 to 50 times a day in some people's cases....

(ignorance of the highest order)

Throw away the religious lies that Holy Spirit leaves believers upon sinning or when we grieve Him. HOLY SPIRIT ABIDES WITH US FOREVER.

HOLY SPIRIT IS OUR HELPER AND HE HELPS US WHEN WE NEED HELP MOST (OUR LOW MOMENTS).

His purpose in our lives is because of our inadequacies. He is the one who works out His fruit in us. AN HELPER THAT LEAVES YOU WHEN YOU NEED HELP MOST IS NOT AN HELPER. HE DOES NOT LEAVE US BECAUSE OF OUR INADEQUACIES, HE IS THERE TO MAKE US ADEQUATE.

HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT LEAVE IN YOUR MOST DESPARATE MOMENTS. THAT IS WHEN HE EVEN COMFORTS YOU THE MOST. HE HELPS YOU TO HOLD UNTO THE GIFT OF NO CONDEMNATION AT SUCH TIMES WHEN YOU ARE FEELING SO LOW.

Some people ask. What about Psalm 51:11 where David prayed “Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.”

Oh, the last time I checked, that was in the Old Testament when sin was still separating men from God and even then Holy Spirit was NOT resident in any man then. He used to come upon them to perform and left.

WE DO NOT PRAY SUCH PRAYER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, IT WILL AMOUNT TO COMPLETE IGNORANCE. BECAUSE JESUS CLARIFIED THIS BEFORE HE LEFT. HE SAID IN HIS OWN WORDS “HE WILL BE WITH YOU FOREVER” WHEN YOU SIN, HE DOES NOT GO AWAY. JESUS TOLD HIM TO BE WITH US FOREVER AND HE SURE IS WITH US TO HELP US, DURING OUR NEED PERIOD ESPECIALLY.

GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT? Ephesians 4:30

“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption”

Because Holy Spirit is a person, He has emotions and He can be grieved, just like you can be grieved. Every person, human or divine with emotions and feelings can be grieved. It is not some strange behavior by the Holy Spirit.

God the Father was also grieved at a time

“And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it GRIEVED HIM to his heart.” Genesis 6:6

Even Jesus was also grieved at the hardness of the heart of the Pharisees of his days.

“And he looked around at them with anger, GRIEVED at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.” Mark 3:5

So, please DO NOT BLAME HOLY SPIRIT FOR BEING GRIEVED.

Only one Scripture mentions anything about grieving the Holy Spirit. He is not frequently grieved. But He has a right to be grieved when He is frequently ignored and disobeyed.

The word “grieve” in that passage is from the Greek word “lypeo” which means “to make sorrowful, to affect with sadness, to make uneasy, to offend etc”

WHAT MOSTLY GRIEVE HOLY SPIRIT?

Now to know what grieves the Holy Spirit the most, you will need to read that verse in the context of verse 25 – 32 of Ephesians 4. Please read in your own Bible.

It listed THE FOLLOWING SINS: “ LIE, ANGER, STEALING, CORRUPT WORD FROM YOUR MOUTH, BITTERNESS, WRATH, MALICE”

ALL THESE ARE SINS THAT MOSTLY AFFECT OUR NEIGHBORS.

I believe Holy Spirit is more pissed off when we commit sin against one another. Because we are sinning against the BODY OF CHRIST.

Holy Spirit is grieved when we lie unto and against one another, or steal from one another, or speak evil to one another, or we display bitterness, anger and wrath towards one another, or we keep malice against each other. THESE ARE WHAT GRIEVES HOLY SPIRIT THE MOST.

HE IS A KIND AND NICE PERSON AND HE WANTS US TO BE NICE AND GRACIOUS TO ONE ANOTHER.

NO WONDER verse 32 of Ephesians 4 says

“AND BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS GOD FORGAVE YOU”

These are great attitudes which will help us to not be grieving Holy Spirit repeatedly. LET US ALLOW THE SPIRIT OF GRACE TO WORK OUT THESE AWESOME VIRTUES IN US TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER.

HOLY SPIRIT HAS EMOTION BUT DOES NOT ACT ON HIS EMOTION.

When someone always acts on his emotion, it means the person does not have “self control” - ability to control oneself in the face of unstable feeling or circumstance.

BUT ACCORDING TO GALATIANS 5:23, PART OF THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SELF CONTROL. HOLY SPIRIT IS THE AUTHOR AND PRODUCER OF SELF CONTROL, SO HE HIMSELF IS HIGHLY SELF CONTROLLED.

That means when He is grieved, He just keeps calm and let it go. He does not act upon His grief, because He is self-controlled.

IN FACT, HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT GRIEVED AT YOU, HE IS GRIEVED AT YOUR BAD ATTITUDES. HE IS GRIEVED AT THE EFFECTS OF YOUR BAD ACTIONS ON YOURSELF AND ON THE BODY OF CHRIST. AND THAT SADDENS HIM. But He does not act upon that. HE ALSO HAS SELF CONTROL, AND HE IS VERY COOL AND TEMPERATE.

HOWEVER, DON'T BOAST IN GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT. DON'T DO IT ON PURPOSE. LET HIM WORK OUT HIS FRUIT IN YOU, SO YOU CAN DISPLAY AWESOME CHARACTERS AND VIRTUES OUT.

2. QUENCHING THE HOLY SPIRIT. 1 Thessalonians 5:19, 20

“Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt”

The word quench in Greek is “sbennymi” which means “to suppress, to stifle”

TO QUENCH THE SPIRIT MEANS TO ALWAYS SUPPRESS HIM WHENEVER HE IS LEADING US OR GIVING US DIRECTION.

This morning, He tells you in your spirit “Study your bible or pray or give”, You pretend you did not hear Him and did not do it. You are suppressing Him.

While a situation was coming up in your office, He quietly tells you to not say a thing, but instead “You start yelling out at your opponent” You are quenching or suppressing the Holy Spirit.

We quench or suppress the Holy Spirit when we do not yield to His directions on purpose. The next verse emphasizes that by saying “Do not treat prophecies with contempt”

When God speaks to you through the Holy Spirit, it is like prophesy, DO NOT TREAT HIS DIRECTIONS WITH CONTEMPTS BY DISOBEYING THEM ON PURPOSE.

When a believer keeps quenching the Holy Spirit, what happens is NOT THAT HE LEAVES, BUT HE WILL NOT TALK THAT FREQUENTLY TO YOU AS AT THAT TIME.

HE WILL RATHER TRY AND HELP YOU IN OTHER WAYS. IT IS NOT PUNITIVE, IT IS CONSEQUENTIAL.

Law of Physics says IF THERE IS A FRICTIONAL FORCE OPPOSING A MOTION, IT WILL DEFINITELY REDUCE THE SPEED OR EVEN STOP THE MOVING OBJECT.

God said “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh...” Genesis 6:3a.

HOLY SPIRIT WILL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH YOU. IF HE KEEPS TELLING YOU THINGS AND YOU KEEP IGNORING HIM, HE TENDS TO KEEP QUIET MORE. THAT ACCOUNTS FOR PART OF THE REASONS SOME OF US DON'T HEAR HOLY SPIRIT VERY FREQUENTLY, BECAUSE WE ARE NOT YIELDING TO HIM.

However, do not be afraid, that Holy Spirit can leave you because you are not yielding to Him. HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

HE WILL KEEP FINDING OTHER WAYS OF HELPING YOU TO YIELD UNTO HIM. PART OF THAT WAY IS THIS NOTE. HOLY SPIRIT IS SAYING TO EVERYONE READING THIS NOTE RIGHT NOW "PLEASE YIELD UNTO MY INSTRUCTIONS AND MY BIDDINGS. THEY ARE FOR YOUR GOOD"

Holy Spirit does not advice. He instructs. Let's keep tapping unto His Grace for yielding (obedience) to Him.

As He leads, please yield. You will become more sensitive to His presence and His voice as you yield more frequently to His directions.

Yes, you can, yes you will, because His Grace and Divine Enablement is available for you. Go in this your might!!!!!!!!!!!!

(Please leave me your comment especially the part that you learnt most today)

And if you have a question on this part, please feel free to ask. It might take me a while before I answer because of the time difference. But I sure will answer within 24 hours.)

GOD BLESS YOU. I LOVE YOU!!!

#### STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 4. WHAT IS BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT?

We started by learning more about the person of Holy Spirit. He is a person and not just a force. In fact He is God and a Member of Godhead Trinity We also learnt some of His names in part 1.

In part 2, we examined the fact that SALVATION OF EVERY BELIEVER WAS POSSIBLE ONLY BY THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Beyond that, every true child of God has the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. And in fact, you cannot be called a Son or Daughter of God if you don't have Holy Spirit. We receive Holy Spirit at Salvation as a Gift to dwell with us forever. HE CAME IN AS PART OF OUR SALVATION to dwell WITHIN us. AND HE IS ACTING AS GOD'S SEAL OF OWNERSHIP. TO SHOW THAT YOU ARE HIS AND HE IS YOURS. A GUARANTEE AND A DEPOSIT. Glory!!!!

In part 3, we examined JESUS'S statement that "HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE WITH US FOREVER" It is a non-conditional statement and we need to assure our hearts in this glorious assurance. Holy Spirit does not leave, even when we make mistakes or sin. We also went ahead to study what it means to GRIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND QUENCH THE HOLY SPIRIT and how to avoid or minimize hurting Holy Spirit, because He has emotions. However, both of these do not mean that He leaves. He does not leave us until the end.

#### WHAT IS BLASPHEMING AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHO CAN COMMIT THIS SIN?

IN this part, we want to examine another passage which is so scary to many believers because of its misunderstanding and misrepresentation – Blaspheming the Holy Spirit – because Jesus said "BLASPHEMING AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL NOT BE FORGIVEN" So, what is this unpardonable sin? Let us read the passage in context to get the complete picture.

Please read Matthew 12:22-32 below.

22"Then there was brought to Him a demon-possessed man who was blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw. 23And all the multitudes were amazed, and began to say, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" 24But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebub the ruler of the demons."

25And knowing their thoughts He said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand. 26"And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? 27"And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Consequently they shall be your judges.

28"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29"Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. 30"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

31"Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32"And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the age to come,"

Reading through that story will tell us that particular type of blaspheme which is categorized as blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Jesus performed a miracle which they could not deny, so the Pharisees accused Him of casting out the devil BY Beelzebub, the prince of demons.

Their accusation was not only offensive, it was showing a total rejection of Jesus as a Servant or Prophet or Son of God, but they re-classified Him as demon possessed. And to this Jesus said, it is a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit which is unpardonable. It is called ETERNAL SIN.

Remember Jesus was anointed WITH the Holy Spirit without measure, and He did all the miracles He did BY the power of the Holy Spirit. But instead of acknowledging the Holy Spirit as the source of Jesus's power, they said devil was the source of Jesus's power. They attributed Holy Spirit's work to devils. So, they particularly blasphemed Holy Spirit (and not Jesus). Jesus said this blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is unpardonable.

BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT = ETERNAL SIN = SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH.(Mark 3:29 &1 John 5:16)

Mark 3:29

“but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an ETERNAL SIN” (NIV)

“but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a SIN WITH ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES.” (NLT)

Compared with 1 John 5:16-17

“If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. THERE IS A SIN THAT LEADS TO DEATH; I DO NOT SAY THAT ONE SHOULD PRAY FOR THAT. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.”

So, from Mark 3:29, we see that Jesus classified this specific sin as ETERNAL SIN OR SIN WITH ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES. JOHN CALLED IT SIN UNTO DEATH.

So what is this ETERNAL SIN / SIN UNTO DEATH AND HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?

John 17:7-11

"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

And when he comes, he will CONVICT THE WORLD concerning sin and righteousness and judgment, ABOUT SIN, BECAUSE PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE IN ME; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

Here Jesus spoke CLEARLY about the main mission of the Holy Spirit to the world, because He said "HOLY SPIRIT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD (NOT BELIEVERS) of three things: SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUDGEMENT.

And He explained what each of these concepts mean. In other words, Jesus was defining these three concepts in the light of the New Testament ratified in His blood. Let us examine the definition of sin below:

SIN - BECAUSE PEOPLE DID NOT BELIEVE IN ME. We are dwelling on this for today.

The word convict in Greek is elegcho which means to refute, or correct, or reprove.

The primary ministry of the Holy Spirit TO THE WORLD is to convict/correct them that the real definition of sin is to reject Jesus and not believe in Him as the One who died and rose to take away the sin of the world.

In other word, UNBELIEVERS ARE THOSE WHO REFUSED TO BE CONVICTED/CORRECTED OF THE SIN OF NOT BELIEVING ON JESUS AS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. AND SINCE THEY REFUSE THIS CORRECTION MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UNTO THEM, THEY HAVE BLASPHEMED THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HAVE TOTALLY REJECTED THE SON OF GOD.

This sin is unto death. It cannot be forgiven. WHY? BECAUSE IT MAKES PEOPLE TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN SINS – AND THAT IS AUTOMATIC ETERNAL DAMNATION. John 3:18

“Whoever believes in HIM is not condemned, but WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE STANDS CONDEMNED ALREADY BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF GOD'S ONE AND ONLY SON.” John 3:18

So, to clearly state it: BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE UNPARDONABLE SIN AND IT MEANS NOT ACCEPTING THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTION ABOUT SIN - REJECTING JESUS. AND IT IS THE SIN UNTO DEATH, BECAUSE IT CAN NOT BE FORGIVEN. WHOEVER COMMITS IT HAS REJECTED THE BLOOD OF JESUS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR FORGIVENESS.



LAST PART OF 1 JOHN 5:16-17 – What Are Sins Not Unto Death?

What therefore are SINS NOT UNTO DEATH for which we must pray for our brothers and give Him life for it?.

First I want you to look at the irony - Pray to give Him life for a sin not unto death.

Since the sin is not unto death, why does He need life for it?

He is literarily referring to PRAYING FOR BELIEVERS WHO ARE ENTAGLED IN THE THINGS OF THE WORLD AND ARE DOING ALL SORTS OF UNGODLINESS. OF COURSE, WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING IS NOT UNTO DEATH, SO THEY CAN NOT GO TO HELL FOR IT BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN PAID FOR.

But still God wants the believers to live above those habits and live victorious lives, and according to Romans 5:20, Where sins increased, Grace abounds all the more.

So he was saying when you see a believer live a life that does not bring glory to God, pray for more Grace to abound, to help Him live above the sinful habits - that is the life you are giving Him - It is technically to help him apply the Eternal Life he already has to live above those sins and habits. But don't be mistaken, those sins are not unto death.

THE ONLY SIN UNTO DEATH IS REFUSING THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY NOT BELIEVING ON JESUS.

SO ALL UNBELIEVERS WHO REFUSE TO BELIEVE JESUS UNTO THE END WILL BE GUILTY OF THE SIN UNTO DEATH BECAUSE THEY REFUSE THE CONVICTION/CORRECTION WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THUS THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN SINS. BUT OBVIOUSLY NO BELIEVER CAN SIN THE SIN UNTO DEATH!!! GLORY!!!

(Please let me your comment especially the part that you learnt most today.

And if you have a question on this introduction part, on the person of the Holy Spirit, please feel free to ask. It might take me a while before I answer because of the time difference. But I sure will answer within 24 hours.)

## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 5.

### THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 1.

So far, we have learned about the person of Holy Spirit, as God and a Member of Trinity. We also learnt some of His names. Then we learned about the FOREVER INDWELLING Presence of the Holy Spirit in every believer as God's Seal of Ownership sealing up Our Salvation and a Deposit. We also learnt about grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit. And lastly we unraveled the meaning of Blasphemy against Holy Spirit. Please read parts 1 to 4 if you have not.

### INTRODUCING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

#### THREE LEVELS THAT HOLY SPIRIT RELATES WITH MEN (WITH, IN AND UPON)

Jesus told His disciples in John 14:17

“Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for HE dwells WITH you and will be IN you.”

In the Old Testament, Holy Spirit was only with them and used to come upon some of them for service like Kings and Prophets. That was the case of Saul the King who had Holy Spirit on Him for kingship but when God rejected him as King, Holy Spirit left him.

During the time of Jesus on earth, the New Testament was not ready because it had to be ratified by the blood of the Testator (Jesus), so they still operated at the level of the Old Testament. And that is why JESUS said “Holy Spirit was WITH them BUT He shall be IN them” AFTER HIS RESSURECTION so as to ratify their Salvation.

““Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!." Galatians 4:6

#### JESUS FULFILLED HIS PROMISE AFTER RESSURECTION BEFORE HE ASCENDED TO HEAVEN - HE GAVE THEM HOLY SPIRIT “IN” THE DISCIPLES TO SEAL THEIR SALVATION.

After Jesus resurrected and the Salvation package was complete, He ratified the disciples' Salvation by giving them HOLY SPIRIT IN THEM. Let's see in John 20:22

“AND WITH THAT HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID, "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT." John 20:22

#### THE PROMISE OF BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – HOLY SPIRIT UPON BELIEVERS ALSO CALLED INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!

But after sealing their Salvation giving them the Holy Spirit in them, Jesus started talking to them about another experience of the Holy Spirit. He called it BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT and He defined it as HOLY SPIRIT COMING UPON THEM. Acts 1:5 and 8

Acts 1:5 “For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive power, after that THE HOLY SPIRIT COME UPON YOU: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

So this is the level we are talking about today – the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is different from the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit for Salvation which every believer automatically gets at Salvation. WHEN YOU ARE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU AND EMPOWER YOU FOR SERVICE/ EVANGELISM.

Jesus said this clearly in Acts 1:8 above.

This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-4.

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The experience of Baptism with the Holy Spirit marks a significant change in the life and ministry of the first apostles of Jesus. Immediately after they were baptized in the Holy Spirit, Peter preached and 3000 souls were won for the Lord in one altar call. Wow. No wonder Jesus said YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER AFTER THE HOLY SPIRIT COME UPON YOU. AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESS IN JERUSALEM...

The day I got baptized with the Holy Spirit marked a big change in my life. I was filled with so much joy and the power of the Holy Spirit that I went out to preach to my friend, prayed and instantly healed his brother of sickness and my friend from a Muslim background immediately accepted Christ then. Baptism of the Holy Spirit will bring a great dynamic to your spiritual life. YOU WILL DO EXPONENTIALLY MORE THAN YOU HAVE BEEN DOING ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF EVANGELISM AND POWER DEMONSTRATION WHEN YOU GET BAPTISED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This experience is for every Son and Daughter of God, not for the selected few. All the 120 believers in the upper room were baptized in the Holy Spirit. ALL. This experience is meant for you. If you have not been baptized with the Holy Spirit as a believer, you need to desire this experience because it will mark a great positive change in your life. And God is faithful, He will bless you with this awesome experience without stress. In the next message, we will be looking deeper into the Bible to see practical steps on how to have this heavenly experience.

**SPEAKING IN TONGUE – THE OUTWARD SIGN/ EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:** I will use question and answer method to handle this session.

**Disclaimer:** Before I start going deeper into this topic, let me admit that there are people with different opinions on baptism of the Holy Spirit and Speaking in tongues, I am basing this post on clear Bible verses. I will try my best to answer SINCERE QUESTIONS ONLY, not questions that are intended for the purpose of arguments and to generate controversies. THERE ARE A LOT OF GOD'S CHILDREN WHO NEED TO LEARN A LOT ON THIS TOPIC THAT WE CANNOT ALLOW SOME INDIVIDUALS TO DETRACT US.

**QUESTION 1:** Is speaking in tongue the sign/ evidence that someone is baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**ANSWER:** Even though there is no direct Bible verse that states what exact sign/physical evidence for baptism of the Holy Spirit, we can apply the law of the first use: AFTER STUDYING ALL THE 4 PLACES WHERE PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTS, 3 OUT OF 4 PLACES WERE CLEARLY MARKED WITH SPEAKING IN TONGUE, AND THE 4TH PASSAGE ALSO IMPLIES THE SAME. WE THEREFORE INFER THAT BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF SPEAKING IN TONGUE.

Please read the verses below with me that relates those four places:

Acts 2:4 “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES as the Spirit enabled them.”

(Acts 10:45-46) “The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAKING IN TONGUES and praising God...”

Acts 19:6 “When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and THEY SPOKE IN TONGUES AND PROPHESED” (Note: we will learn later that if and when tongue is interpreted, it might work as prophecy)

Acts 8:17-19 “Then Peter and John placed their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. When Simon SAW that the Spirit was given at the laying on of Apostles’ hands, he offered them money...” So here, we were not told what Simon saw, but based on the previous passages, we believe it is the same display of speaking in tongues that he saw.

CONCLUSION: Base on this observation and the present day experience, we conclude that BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALWAYS/ MOSTLY MARKED WITH SPEAKING IN UNKNOWN/OTHER TONGUES.

QUESTION 2: Is Baptism of the Holy Spirit compulsory for all believers. If someone is not baptized in the Holy Spirit and does not speak in tongues, does it mean that he/she is not saved?

ANSWER: As we have said clearly earlier on, EVERY BELIEVER GOT ABIDING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE, WHETHER YOU KNOW IT OR NOT. HOWEVER, BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MAJORLY FOR EMPOWERMENT. Holy comes UPON you and empower you for a lot of spiritual exploits.

The experience is not compulsory but NECESSARY TO ENJOY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE MAXIMUM.

QUESTION 3: Is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the Selected Few or possible for all children of God?

ANSWER: When Jesus instructed the disciples in Acts 1 about the waiting for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, He included ALL OF THEM. In fact, He told them not to leave Jerusalem until they get this heavenly empowerment. In Acts 2, ALL THE 120 BELIEVERS IN THE UPPER ROOM RECEIVED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. In fact, it became so common in the early church that everywhere Apostle went, they would ask if people have received this Gift of the Holy Spirit. In some cases, they had to send for other Apostles who were gifted in ministering the experience to others.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a Gift for ALL believers. Because Jesus intends for everyone to be strong and do exploits, He insisted the early disciples should not leave until they get this.

SO MY ANSWER IS WHY WILL YOU SETTLE FOR GOOD WHEN THERE IS BEST? SINCE GOD IS GIVING YOU THIS WONDERFUL GIFT OF BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FREE OF CHARGE, WHY WILL I NOT RECEIVE THE GIFT?

QUESTION 4: How difficult is it to receive this experience? I heard some believers have to wait for it for MANY years with fasting and prayers and “lots of prices” in order to receive the experience.

ANSWER: The reason most people wait so long for this experience is because of lack of necessary knowledge about the topic and How to receive it.

I ALSO WAITED FOR SO MANY YEARS. BUT AFTER I UNDERSTOOD THE TOPIC, I PREACHED TO PEOPLE AND THEY GOT SAVED AND BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT THE SAME DAY. NO FASTING REQUIRED. IN FACT, I HAD PRAYED FOR SOMEONE OVER THE PHONE FROM CALIFORNIA TO NIGERIA AND SHE RECEIVED IT. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is so simple to receive.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE PRACTICAL STEPS ON HOW TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (SELF GUIDED) IN THE NEXT PART – PART 6. SO PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THAT PART.

QUESTION 5: Clarify the verse where Paul said “DO ALL SPEAK IN TONGUES” as if to suggest not all Christians ought to speak in tongues?

ANSWER: The passage Paul listed this is in 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 but that question was asked in verse 30. You can only understand by reading those chapter 12.

Paul was addressing the issue of the SPIRITUAL GIFTS and there are nine spiritual gifts.

NOTE: There are two ways you can speak in tongue: As a Prayer Language for your spirit and As a Gift of the Spirit.

Every believer is expected to operate the first one, have a prayer language for your spirit, this is meant for personal edification and building up in your most holy faith.

As a Gift of the Spirit, it is often called DIVERSE KINDS OF TONGUES. This is not meant for everybody, because it is a Gift of the Spirit which Holy Spirit gives as He wills and according to our ministries. People that operate this Gift often have special burden for intercession or the prophetic. SOMETIMES, YOU SWITCH FROM PERSONAL TONGUES TO DIVERSE TONGUES AS YOU ARE PRAYING INTENSIVELY. (Talking from personal experience). We will discuss this more under the Gifts of the Spirit parts.

So, PAUL WAS REFERRING TO TONGUES AS ONE OF THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12 when he said “Do all speak in tongues?”.

TONGUES AS A SIGN OF BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND AS A PERSONAL PRAYER LANGUAGE IS MEANT FOR ALL. But tongue as the Gift of the Spirit is not meant for all.

QUESTION 6: Differentiate between Speaking in Unknown Tongues and Other Tongues? Does all tongues have meaning? Are they all earthly OR heavenly languages?

ANSWER: The word “tongue” basically mean “language”.

Other tongues simply means another earthly language which you don't have previous knowledge of except by the Holy Spirit. Unknown tongues means it may not be earthly language, Paul talked about language/ tongue of Angels (1 Corinthians 13:1).

IN THE MOST VERSES, IT JUST SIMPLY SAYS “THEY SPEAK IN TONGUES” IT IS ONLY IN SOME VERSIONS THEY CLASSIFY THEM AS UNKNOWN OR OTHER TONGUES/LANGUAGES. THE SAME GREEK WORD “GLOSSA” WHICH MEANS LANGUAGE WAS USED IN ALL.

This is my submission: SOMETIMES, WE SPEAK BOTH OTHER AND UNKNOWN TONGUES ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF TONGUES.

Sometimes you may actually be speaking another human language but someone of that nationality is not around to testify to what you are saying and you are not given interpretation gift. At other times, we just speak heavenly language. I believe MOST BELIEVERS SPEAK THE HEAVENLY LANGUAGE/TONGUE OF ANGELS.

MY ADVICE: DON'T WORRY YOURSELF ABOUT WHETHER YOU ARE SPEAKING HEAVENLY OR EARTHLY LANGUAGE. LET THE HOLY SPIRIT EXPRESS HIMSELF THROUGH YOU ANYWAY HE WANTS.

QUESTION 7: After I got baptized in the Holy Spirit, how often should I be praying in tongues? Should I wait for the Spirit to move me or can I pray in tongue on purpose?

ANSWER: VERY OFTEN. When you pray in tongue, you are edifying yourself in a way beyond human understanding. PRAYING IN TONGUE IS A WAY OF PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT AND JUDE SAYS “YOU ARE BUILDING UP YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH, BY PRAYING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT”

It has so many advantages. I am a fan of praying in tongues as frequently as possible. You don't need to wait for being moved by the Spirit, you are already given the Gift, maximize it. However, there are times you will be moved by the Spirit also.

Only one practice I do not support is writing in tongues which I see a number of people doing on facebook. I WANT TO PERSONALLY DISCOURAGE THIS PRACTICE, BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS WHOLESOME. BECAUSE MOSTLY IT IS A LANGUAGE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU CAN'T EVEN WRITE IT CORRECTLY BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT ALPHABETS TO USE. AND WHO NEEDS TO READ YOUR TONGUE? NOT ME. I DON'T KNOW WHO IS IMPRESSED BY IT. PLEASE STOP THIS PRACTICE.  
#MyPersonalAdvice#

#### CONCLUSION: SUMMARY

In this part 5, we have started to look at the topic of Baptism of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by speaking in tongues. We have also seen that this Gift is very important because it leads to believer's empowerment for both personal spiritual life and SERVICE especially. Many of us have outstanding testimonies of how baptism of the Holy Spirit has transformed our spiritual lives and helped us in operating the miraculous. You can join this experience too.

I have also addressed some common questions on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit/Speaking in tongue. Please before asking any question in the comment, be sure your question is not among those already answered in the note. I will appreciate adhering to this rule.

We will continue studying the Baptism of the Holy Spirit/Speaking in tongues in the next part (Part 6) and there, we will examine practical steps needed to receive this experience.

I HAVE GREATEST PASSION FOR THOSE BELIEVERS WHO HAVE BEEN EAGER FOR THIS EXPERIENCE. I PRAY YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS GIFT AT THIS TIME. IT IS THE SIMPLEST THING TO DO. PLEASE WET YOUR SPIRITUAL HUNGER IF YOU ARE IN THAT CATEGORY. BE HIGHLY EXPECTANT AS WE WILL MOVE TO HOW TO WITHIN FEW HOURS FROM NOW.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

(As usual, leave your comments/questions for me as I love to read them. That is where we always hang out together and interact most.. As per questions, please live ONLY sincere questions which has not been answered in the post itself, not for the sake of arguments or to display what you know for us.

Because I DONT WANT THOSE WHO NEED THIS POST MOST TO BECOME CONFUSED DUE TO SUCH ATTITUDE. I AM WRITING THIS WHOLE SERIES BECAUSE OF THE POPULAR DEMAND. HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT WELL TAUGHT AGAIN IN OUR CHURCHES. HENCE, A NEED FOR THIS STUDY.)

I LOVE YOU ALL ETERNALLY!!!



## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 6.

### THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2 – RECEIVING THE EXPERIENCE.

In part 5, we started looking at the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised His disciples after ratifying their Salvation with abiding Holy Spirit in John 20:22. Then He told them to still wait in Jerusalem for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which shall empower them to witness effectively. He also called this experience “HOLY SPIRIT UPON THEM”. This promise was fulfilled in Acts 2:1-4 where tongues like cloven fire rested UPON each one of them, and they began to SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES.

We also noticed that in other situations in Acts where people were baptized in the Holy Spirit, it was marked with speaking in other tongues. We also answered so many common questions related to speaking in tongues and we conclude that even though this experience is not compulsory and does not affect Salvation, Baptism of the Holy Spirit is necessary for a dynamic and highly vibrant Spiritual life. PLEASE READ THE PART 5 IF YOU HAVE NOT.

### HINDERANCES TO RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH EVIDENCE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES.

From my few years of working with people on this topic, I want to list out a few things that tend to make it difficult for people to receive this sweet experience. We are discussing this so that if any of it applies to you, you can take it out of the way.

#### 1. Ignorance and lack of basic knowledge about Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

This is number one cause of delay. Many people have little or no knowledge about Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or they have been misinformed about it, that they need to do a lot of extra things to qualify for this experience. The solution to that is to learn what the Bible says about it. Please read the part 5 note, it is very educative on the topic.

#### 2. Fear of receiving fake Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

As funny as this sounds, I encounter this a lot among believers. They will say it seems some people’s tongues are fake and not genuine, so they are so “careful”, rather afraid so much that they can hardly trust God to receive the experience. TO SUCH PEOPLE, I WANT TO SAY MOST OF THE FEARS ARE NOT REAL, YOU CAN SIMPLY NOT RECEIVE THE FAKE IF YOU ASK FROM THE RIGHT SOURCE – JESUS. HE PARTICULARLY SAID “If you then that are evil know how to give GOOD GIFTS to your children, how much more will you heavenly Father GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask Him” Luke 11:13 KNOCK OFF ALL FEARS OF FAKE. GOD CAN NOT GIVE YOU FAKE. BE BOLD.

#### 3. Lack of Spiritual Desire/ Hunger/ Thirst.

I have also met some Christians who have no desire at all but they are hoping somehow if God wants, He will give them the experience someday. YES, GOD WANTS IT FOR YOU, BUT DO YOU DESIRE THIS EXPERIENCE? Jesus said “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after Righteousness, for they will be filled”. Paul even said “...earnestly desire the spiritual gifts...” (1 Corinthians 14:1) So, it is important you truly desire this awesome experience. Determine in your heart that YOU REALLY WANT IT. Take sometimes and consciously desire this experience from the Lord.

#### 4. High level of worry/anxiety about not receiving the Holy Spirit baptism experience.

This happens mostly to people who have been praying for the experience for a long time and they are now so worried and anxious about receiving the experience. Anxiety is a big hindrance to receiving anything from God, because it affects your trust and confidence level before God. If you are in this category, please relax and rest. GOD IS WILLING TO GIVE YOU THIS GIFT. REST AND RELAX IN HIS LOVE. IT IS EASIER THAT YOU THINK. APPROACH THE THORNE OF GRACE WITH BOLDNESS.

### RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- Please note that there are so many ways people have received the experience in the past and you need to be flexible. Below are some possibilities.
- People have received it while praying alone. I am an example of those.

- People have been laid hands upon. We have examples in the Bible. I have also been involved in this, laid hands on others.
- I have prayed with someone over the phone across continents and she received it, even though she was a long time seeker.
- I know of people who received the experience while reading their Bible, reading a Christian book or watching a Pastor preach on TV.

#### PRACTICAL STEPS/HINTS ON RECEIVING THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PERSONALLY).

1. Have some level of desire and thirst for it. Be expectant and look forward to receiving the Holy Spirit baptism experience.

2. Look for a convenient environment. One thing that affected me during my own time was being conscious of people around and what they would think when they hear me speaking in tongues. That affected me so much that I believe it led to the delay. So what did I do? I locked myself up in my room and I was sure no one was around the door.

A CONVENIENT ENVIRONMENT IS THAT IN WHICH YOU ARE VERY FREE TO PRAY AND SPEAK IN TONGUE FOR THE FIRST TIME WITHOUT BEING CONSCIOUS OR AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU. It may be a church, a room, being alone or being with another Christian friend or mentor. But it must be a place you are free to speak out a language you don't understand for the first time.

3. Study some related Scriptures to stir up faith in you. I will list some verses here which will stir up your faith about this awesome experience. (At least two or three of these passages)

Read Luke 11:13. Acts 1:8

Acts 2:1 – 4.

Acts 10: 34-48.

Acts 19:1-6

#### 4. PRAY A PRAYER OF FAITH AND THANKSGIVING/ PRAISE.

Pray with this Scriptural verse or similar promise of God. Luke 11:13 “If you then that are evil know how to give GOOD GIFTS to your children, how much more will you heavenly Father GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT to those who ask Him” So read that promise and ask in prayer of faith.

After asking from God to baptize you with His Spirit according to His promise in Luke 11:13 and Acts 1:8, THEN START TO THANK GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS AND GIVING YOU THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. Sing His praise.

#### 5. RECEIVE THE UTTERANCE IN YOUR HEART AND SPEAK IT OUT.

FOLLOW THE STEPS IN Acts 2: 4

“And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT and BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE.”

a) When you pray and continue to praise, YOU WILL BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

b) HOLY SPIRIT WILL GIVE YOU THE UTTERANCE IN YOUR HEART. (YOU WILL HEAR SOME UNFAMILIAR PHRASE OR WORDS IN YOUR HEART AND YOU WILL FEEL LIKE TO SPEAK THEM OUT)

c) YOU HAVE TO BEGIN TO SPEAK OUT THOSE TONGUES (UTTERANCES) WHICH THE SPIRIT GIVES YOU IN YOUR HEART. If you don't speak it out, nothing will happen. You must take the courage of speaking the utterance out.

From my experience, this step is challenging to many people. They are afraid to speak out the utterance. OF COURSE, IT WILL SOUND LIKE IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE, AND SOMETIMES IT IS A SINGLE PHRASE AT FIRST. IT ALWAYS START SMALL. KEEP SPEAKING IT OUT AND FORGET YOURSELF, THEN IT WILL START MULTIPLYING THE MORE YOU SPEAK IT. (that is why you need a good environment where you feel safe)..

I TELL PEOPLE TO MAKE SURE THEY SPEAK OUT THE TONGUES FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES IN THAT FIRST SESSION. THE LONGER YOU SPEAK THE DEEPER IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT YOU WILL FEEL.

d) CONTINUE TO PRAY IN TONGUES REGULARLY AFTER THEN AND WALK IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT BECAUSE YOU WILL FEEL A LOT MORE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AFTER THE EXPERIENCE AND YOU WILL BE DRAWN TOWARD MORE EVANGELISM AND TO PRAY FOR THE SICK, ETC. That is the purpose.

6. Question: What happens if I don't speak in tongue the first time.

Answer: THIS IS ALWAYS MY RECOMMENDATION IF THAT HAPPENS.

Continue to praise God for already baptizing you in His Holy Spirit (He is faithful and has answered your prayer. Praise Him for it.

As you praise God continuously, check your heart for the utterance. You will notice the utterance in your heart, then speak out the tongue.

HOLY SPIRIT GIVE YOU THE UTTERANCE. YOU SPEAK OUT THE TONGUE.

"Some people also do experience their tongue turning as they pray and praise"

Please note, your experience may be different and unique, this is just a guide which I have used with many people for many years and I have always had results.

Remember, people may also lay hand on you etc.

BUT ONE THING IS THIS: THE LORD IS FAITHFUL. EVERYONE THAT ASKS, RECEIVES. TRUST IN HIS FAITHFULNESS AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THIS AWESOME EXPERIENCE.

Please share with me through inbox your awesome testimonies of receiving this awesome experience of empowerment.

(As usual, please leave me comments/ questions. IN YOUR COMMENT, IF YOU ARE ALREADY BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, PLEASE SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE THAT IS SEEKING TO LEARN FROM. And please feel free to ask question and other awesome comments!!!

I LOVE YOU!!!

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## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 7.

### CONTINUOUS INFILLING OF THE SPIRIT & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTRO

Quick Recap: From Part 1-4, we learnt a lot about the person of Holy Spirit as God. We also learnt about His names, His indwelling presence in EVERY believer and the fact that He is in us as God's Seal of our Salvation. Also, we learnt that His presence in us is FOREVER according to Jesus's promise and He does not leave us. We learnt about what it means to grieve or quench the Spirit and how we can avoid those. Lastly, we learnt about the Eternal Sin – Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

In parts 5 and 6, we focus on the next level of experience with the Holy Spirit, which Jesus called BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, or HOLY SPIRIT COMING UPON US (Acts 1:5,8), the purpose is empowerment for service. This experience was also referred to as INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT in Acts 2:1-4 and it was evidenced by SPEAKING IN OTHER/ UNKNOWN TONGUES, as observed from other passages also. We answered lots of question about the topic and later studied 4 things that mostly hinder people from receiving the experience on time. Lastly, we gave practical steps to receive the experience. It has been awesome experience for us all.

### CONTINUOUS INFILLING OF THE SPIRIT:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the first time you experience an infilling of the Spirit – the Spirit Upon. However, we must continue to refresh this experience regularly to continue to enjoy the freshness in the Power of the Spirit. As we pray and study God's Word daily, we are refreshing the infilling of the Holy Spirit. But there are times we need to retreat and consciously refresh His infilling in our lives, according to the following verses:

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” Acts 4:31

“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” Acts 13:52

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord” Ephesians 5:18 –19.

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,” Jude 1:20

Brethren, we cannot be content with just being baptized with the Holy Spirit, we need to continue to refresh our infilling of Him. For us to be sharp in the Spirit and be effective minister of God in the New Testament, we must move away from status quo and average Spiritual Life. We cannot afford to remain little children in the Spirit, we need to grow up in God's Grace.

THE WHOLE WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD. OF COURSE, GOD WILL NOT ALLOW LITTLE KIDS TO MANIFEST BECAUSE WHEN KIDS MANIFEST, IT IS ALWAYS A MESS. IT IS LIKE ASKING A KID TO DRIVE OR DO SOMETHING THAT IS LIFE-DEPEDENDENT.

The attitudes of “I need only enough of Jesus that will take me to heaven” will not produce a mature believer in you. In fact, if you are a believer, you already have enough of Jesus to take you to heaven, I mean you are already in heaven. BUT THERE IS MUCH MORE IN GOD BRETHREN. Let us go for higher callings in Christ Jesus. LET US GROW OUR ROOTS BELOW AND OUR FRUITS ABOVE. Your depths in Christ will determine your heights for

Him. True Spiritual Giants are not necessarily the noise makers, but those who are deep in God. And this is where our continual infilling of the Holy Spirit comes in.

As you can see, apart from the first time that the Disciples were initially filled in the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:1-4, there are other instances it was recorded that they were filled with the Spirit. This is my challenge to us (including myself). The following will help us to be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit.

1. Yielding to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Obeying His promptings. Yes, He works through us inside out, but He does it by us yielding to His promptings. The more you yield to Him, the more sensitive you become to His leadings and the more you are filled with the Spirit.

2. Allow His holiness to dominate your life. All believers are holy and righteous equally, because these are gifts we got by being His children. Holiness and Righteousness are our identities in Christ and our Divine DNA's. But we must allow these traits to dominate our life. We must LET (ALLOW, GIVE PERMISSION TO) OUR LIGHT TO SHINE in all areas of our lives. This will help us to remain filled with Spirit, because continuous sinning saps us of our Spiritual power. Sin is like a leak to power supply. It is consequential, not punitive. This is not to scare us, but a motivation for us to allow His holiness to DOMINATE our lives. WE ARE MOTIVATING EACH OTHER UNTO GOOD WORKS.

3. Continuous study of the Word of God and Prayers will maintain the steady flow of the Living Waters in our belly – the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

4. Praying in the Holy Spirit Continuously. There are two ways to pray in the Holy Spirit: Praying in Tongues automatically qualifies as praying in the Spirit. You build up yourself in your most holy faith. Also, praying in understanding under the strict influence of the Holy Spirit can mean praying in the Spirit too, though this is hard because often our minds interrupts when we pray in understanding. That is why we encourage regular and continuous praying in Our Heavenly Language.

5. Joy in the Holy Spirit. Sing Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs. Sing and make melody in your hearts to God. Ephesians 5:18-19. The other day, I was discussing the experience of singing new songs to the Lord. Please let us all explore these wonderful Spiritual experiences. They are meant for us and will enrich our spiritual lives. THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN JOY AND INFILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. ACTS 13:52 COMBINES FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT WITH JOY. ALSO, Romans 14:17 also talks about Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit. For the Joy of the Lord is Our Strength.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

In this part, we are going to take a quick shot at the Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit but we are going to go in-depth in the next part of this series.

Let us read our text: 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4 – 11.

1 “Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.”

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (profit withal).

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

**FIRST POINT:** These are the Gifts otherwise called MANIFESTATION (Revelations) of the Holy Spirit and He determines who to give what. But we were told to desire Spiritual Gifts also. It is nothing wrong to desire and ask for particular Gift of the Spirit. However, know that Holy Spirit still reserves the right to give the right Gift to individuals according to His purpose for us.

**SECOND POINT:** The Gift is for us to PROFIT. God has His businesses on earth. He is in the business of reconciliation. He is also in the business of edifying the saints or building up His edifice on earth – the Spiritual house called the Church. IN addition, God is also in the business of edifying each member of the body when needed. Furthermore, He is busy washing, beautifying and adorning the church as a glorious church without any spot or wrinkle. In all these business, Holy Spirit uses His Gifts unto us to accomplish these.

So, when you begin to manifest the Gifts of the Spirit, know that they have purpose. It is not for self-glorification but for profiting in God’s business on earth. **IN SHORT, THE GIFT IS NOT FOR YOU BUT FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST. WE ARE TO SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST USING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WE RECEIVE.**

**THIRD POINT:** His Gifts are without repentance/ irrevocable. He does not take them back. However, it is possible the Gifts are dormant in our lives even though we have them. That is why Paul said to Timothy to **FAN INTO FLAMES THE GIFT OF GOD IN HIM ( 2 Timothy 1:6)**. You fan it into flames by being filled with the Spirit that we discussed above. That is how to fan them into flames, so they don’t become dormant.

**FOURTH POINT:** The Gifts may be given directly by the Holy Spirit. You may also receive the Gift as a result of strong desire for it by asking. Lastly, the Gifts may also be imparted by laying on of hands of elders. (2 Timothy 1:6, 1 Corinthians 14:1). So, after studying the Gifts, please desire them and ask for them. It is Scriptural.

**FIFTH POINT: THE NINE GIFTS:** There are Nine Gifts of the Spirit but they are divided into three classes;

a. **VOCAL / UTTERANCE OR TALKING GIFTS:**

These Gifts deal with Speaking forth God’s Words in a way that **EDIFY THE CHURCH:**

i. **Divers Kind of Tongues**



ii. Interpretation of Tongues

iii. Prophecy

b. REVELATION GIFTS:

These gifts have to do with some form of divine revelations about an individual, or a body of individuals or even a topic.

i. Word of Wisdom

ii. Word of Knowledge

iii. Discerning of spirits

c. POWER GIFTS:

these have to do with some effortless demonstration of God's power for the good of the Body.

i. Gift of Faith

ii. Working of Miracles

iii. Gift of Healings

We will go in-depth in part 8. Please do not ask specific questions on each of the gifts under this part. We are going to treat them in details in the next part.

Please leave your comments. Especially the part you enjoy most, and appropriate questions for me as usual.

Don't ask a question about what we have not covered especially specific about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Reserve those for the next part.

I LOVE YOU FRIENDS!!!

## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 8.

### MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT – GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – VOCAL/UTTERANCE GIFTS

Under part 7, we dwelt majorly on continuous infilling of the Holy Spirit. It is a call to great depth in Christ, which leads to great heights for Him. Deep calls unto Deep. We cannot afford to be average in God and be content with just being baptized with the Holy Spirit. We need to continue to be filled with Him by refreshing that experience in His presence. Regular study of the word, yielding to the Holy Spirit, fervent and continuous prayer, especially praying in the Spirit, maintaining a great joy level, singing hymns, psalms, spiritual songs, and making melody in our hearts to God will always help us refresh our infilling of the Holy Spirit.

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- 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

**FIRST POINT:** These are the Gifts otherwise called MANIFESTATION (Revelations) of the Holy Spirit, meaning these are the ways Holy Spirit reveals or manifests Himself. And He determines who to give.

**SECOND POINT:** The Gifts of Holy Spirit are meant to PROFIT in His businesses on earth. They are not for self-glorification but for profiting in God’s business on earth. IN SHORT, THE GIFT IS NOT FOR YOU BUT FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST. SO, SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST WITH HIS GIFTS.

**THIRD POINT:** His Gifts are without repentance/ irrevocable. But, the Gifts can be dormant or inactive in our lives. That is why Paul said to Timothy to FAN INTO FLAMES THE GIFT OF GOD IN HIM (2 Timothy 1:6). You fan it into flames by being filled with the Spirit that we discussed in part 7.

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  - i. Divers Kind of Tongues ii) Interpretation of Tongues iii) Prophecy
- b. REVELATION GIFTS:- have to do with some form of divine revelations about an individual or group.
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- c. POWER GIFTS: - have to do with effortless demonstration of God’s power for the good of the Body.
  - i. Gift of Faith ii) Working of Miracles iii) Gift of Healings

## DEEPER LOOKS INTO THE VOCAL/ UTTERANCE OR TALKING GIFTS:

These Gifts deal with speaking forth under the influence of the Holy in a way that EDIFIES THE CHURCH. We have Divers kinds of tongues, Interpretation of tongues and prophecy. In all these, it is about speaking forth divine words by the Holy Spirit. Let us look at them one by one.

### 1. DIVERS KIND OF TONGUE:

Divers kind of tongues is DIFFERENT FROM the regular tongue we got when we got baptized in the Holy Spirit. They are different in both content and purpose. Our regular tongue is the language we speak during our prayer for PERSONAL EDIFICATION. Whereas, the divers kind of tongues are tongues spoken for the EDIFICATION OF THE CHURCH.

Also, Divers kind of tongues is one of the nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit and will not be operated by everybody. However, you own your personal speaking in tongue throughout your life here on earth and you can speak it at will at any point in time, for personal edification or during Word study even.

YOU DO NOT SPEAK DIVERS KIND OF TONGUES AT WILL. HOLY SPIRIT DECIDES WHEN TO ENTER TO THIS REALM. And it is often more complicated and richer than the personal tongue. Somehow, YOU WILL KNOW when you start speaking divers kind of tongue. You may even start your prayer with regular tongue but you will know when you enter into divers kind of tongues.

I believe divers kind of tongues serves two purposes: PROHECY AND INTERCCESION.

AS PROPHECY: When you interpret diverse kind of tongues, it becomes prophecy, which serves to edify the whole church or specific people in the church or even a nation. In some instances also, you may be speaking the local language of the person God wants the message for, and the person will be hearing you and be receiving the Word of God without an interpreter.

AS INTERCESSION: For those of us who have intercession burden and we intercede for people a lot, we will be experiencing this. Sometimes as you are praying for specific people, you enter into diverse kind of tongues. You may not know exactly what you are praying about, BUT you will know you have prayed some Spirit Led Prayers.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE DIVERS KIND OF TONGUES AND WHEN I AM ENTERING THAT REALM? IT WILL ALWAYS COME AS A BURDEN. YOU WILL HAVE THIS SPECIAL BURDEN IN YOUR SPIRIT/ AND YOU WILL BE SPEAKING MORE COMPLICATED AND RICHER TONGUES. Also, with time, you will know when it is prophetic or an intercession.

### 2. INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

This Gift of the Spirit operates along the Divers Kind of Tongues, in order to interpret the words being spoken in the divers kind of tongues. Two types of people can operate this Gift, namely: First, the same person speaking the divers kind of tongues may interpret his/ her own tongues for the edification of the church. Secondly, a different person may be given the interpretation of the tongue spoken by someone else. The following equation is true:

DIVERS KIND OF TONGUES + INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES = PROPHECY

HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE GIFT OF INTERPRETATION?

a) If you operate divers kind of tongues, and God wants you to interpret, as you speak the tongues, the interpretation will come to you in your spirit/heart so expressly in such a way that YOU WILL KNOW these are the interpretation of the tongue you are speaking.

b) If someone else is the speaking in divers tongues, but you have the interpretation, as you listen to the tongue, some messages will be coming expressly to your spirit and YOU WILL KNOW these messages give the meaning of the tongue being spoken.

At the beginning, you may not know you have this gift but you just notice you always have this express message in your spirit whenever someone is publicly speaking in tongue. For some people, it is after you hear someone come up with those same words/messages that came to your spirit earlier, before it occurs to you that you may have this Gift.

- PLEASE NOTE, IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN AND YOU INTERPRET IT, THAT IS NOT INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES. IT HAS TO BE 100% DIVINE FOR IT TO BE CALLED GIFT OF INTERPRETATION OF TONGUE.
- ALSO, GIFT OF INTERPRETATION IS NOT WORD BY WORD TRANSLATION. IT MAY BE LONGER OR SHORTER THAN THE TONGUE BEING INTERPRETED.

QUESTION: MUST MY SPEAKING IN TONGUE BE ALWAYS INTERPRETED BY ME OR SOMEONE ELSE? SUCH THAT IF THERE IS NO INTERPRETER, I SHOULD NOT SPEAK IN TONGUE? (This is one of the false messages in some of our churches)

ANSWER: REMEMBER THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF TONGUES: Personal Prayer Language of Every Child of God and the Divers Kind of Tongues.

THAT QUESTION ABOVE ONLY APPLIES TO THE DIVERS KIND OF TONGUE WHICH IS A GIFT OF THE SPIRIT.

BUT WHEN YOU ARE SPEAKING YOUR PERSONAL TONGUE (PRAYER LANGUAGE), YOU DO NOT NEED INTERPRETATION AT ALL. YOU ARE FREE TO PRAY IN TONGUES 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. YOU DO NOT NEED INTERPRETATION. BIBLE SAYS: FOR THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD (ROMANS 8:27).

### 3. GIFT OF PROPHECY

Definition: The Gift of Prophecy is a Supernatural utterance in a KNOWN LANGUAGE; It denotes SPEAKING FORTH or DECLARATION of DIVINE WILL. The Pastor/preacher declaring or speaking forth the Word of the Lord UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is considered prophesying.

Please note that prophecy does not necessarily mean prediction (fore-telling), but FORTH TELLING (Speaking Forth) under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

STRICT PURPOSE OF PROPHECY: To speak EDIFICATION, EXHORTATION AND COMFORT to men.

1 Corinthians 14:3 "But he who prophesies speaks edification, exhortation and comfort to men"

TEST: If someone claims to be prophesying, and his message does not fall into these categories, then check it.

NOTE: THE GIFT OF PROPHECY IS DIFFERENT FROM THE MINISTRY OFFICE OF THE PROPHET (Eph 4:18) If a person begins to give personal prophecy that gives personal direction, he or she is operating beyond the simple Gift of Prophecy, he is rather operating in the office of a prophet.

Also, THE FACT THAT A PERSON PROPHESES IN THE CHURCH DOES NOT MAKE THEM A PROPHET. THE OFFICE OF A PROPHET IS MUCH DEEPER THAN SIMPLE GIFT OF PROPHECY IN THE CHURCH.

During fellowships, prophecies always serve to encourage a lot of discouraged souls. Without knowing what people are going through, the Word of God comes to your spirit and you know you got to speak it forth, that is prophecy. As you speak it forth, it will edify exhort and comfort God's people.

PLEASE NOTE THIS ABOUT PROPHECY: FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, YOU HAVE TO BEGIN TO SPEAK IT FORTH BY FAITH BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE NEXT LINE. YOU ONLY KNOW THE STARTING LINE. THAT IS WHY IT TAKES FAITH.

And also, prophecies are not limited to gathering alone. There are times I am praying alone, and I will receive words of prophecy in my spirit. It may be for me, or for some other people. I start to declare and speak it forth. Sometimes, as you intercede for people, you begin to receive some prophetic words regarding the situation, which will serve to EDIFY, EXHORT AND PROVIDE COMFORT regarding the people you just prayed for. So, I will say, PROPHECIES COME AT ANY TIME, DURING WORSHIP, PRAYERS, STUDY, INTERCESSION, ETC... Just be open and sensitive in your spirit man to what the Spirit of the Lord has to say to His church. And BE COURAGEOUS TO SPEAK IT OUT.

NOW, THE POPULAR FEAR FOR THE FIRST TIMERS: FEAR OF AM I REALLY SURE THIS IS FROM GOD? IS THIS JUST MY THOUGHT? IS GOD REALLY SPEAKING TO ME?

THAT IS A POPULAR FEAR ESPECIALLY FOR THE STARTER. OVER THE TIME, YOU WILL BECOME VERY CONFIDENT BECAUSE THE WORDS OF PROPHECIES FROM YOU HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

I remember sometimes ago, I was in an intense prayer session with other two friends, I was leading the prayers and I received a word of prophecy to pray for someone RIGHT THEN. But it was not clear to me who and for what. THEN I DECLARED THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT WE NEED TO PRAY FOR SOMEONE RIGHT NOW. But at that time, one of my friends that we were praying together just saw an open vision of who we were to pray for: HE SAW A LADY ABOUT TO BE RAPED. And He immediately confirmed the Word, and narrated what He just saw.

In many other cases, I would feel some prophetic words in my spirit about someone specifically without knowing what they are going through. On telling them the words, they would just start praising God for I was ministering specifically to their particular situation. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED PROPHECIC WORDS FROM DIFFERENT PEOPLE AT ONE TIME OR THE OTHER AND IT MET MY NEEDS AT THAT POINT. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH OF THOSE WORDS WOULD BE TO EDIFY, EXHORT AND COMFORT. I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONDMENED OR THREATENED BY A TRUE WORD OF PROPHECY FROM GOD.

JUDGING THE WORDS OF PROPHECIES:

GOD NEVER INTENDED PROPHECIES TO BE TAKEN HOOK, LINE AND SINKER, because man can prophesy by evil spirit, or human spirit. So there is this Scriptures God said we are to judge prophecies:

1 Corinthians 14: 29 "TWO OR THREE PROPHETS SHOULD SPEAK, AND THE OTHERS SHOULD WEIGH CAREFULLY WHAT IS SAID."

Towards the end of my years in school, there were some of these strange prophecies in my fellowship then, lots of woes, condemnation, and intruding into some people's engagement relationships openly that they should break it. DEEP WITHIN ME, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS NOT RIGHT. I was one of those who stood up to these highly spiritual guys then and stood to judge their prophecies. I confronted some of them personally and I personally worked to encourage those courtships they almost broke with those "prophecies". I am happy at least two of those sets of people are married for ten years and are doing super great now.

## HOW DO WE JUDGE OR WEIGH PROPHECIES?

First, know that you are qualified to judge or weigh a prophecy over your life, whether to accept or reject it. YOU ARE GOD'S FIRST ORDAINED PROPHET OVER YOUR OWN LIFE. YOU ARE THE FIRST PERSON TO SPEAK FORTH GOD'S WORD OVER YOUR LIFE, not some big portfolio prophets. Whatever they say should ONLY CONFIRM WHAT GOD HAS BEEN SAYING TO YOU.

So, judge every prophecy directed to you using three criteria:

1. DOES IT AGREE AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD?
2. DOES IT AGREE WITH MY SPIRIT WHEN I HEARD THE PROPHECY?
3. IS IT CONSISTENT WITH WHAT GOD HAS BEEN SAYING TO ME ON THIS ISSUE?

YOU MUST GET A YES TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS TO ACCEPT THE PROPHECY AS TRUE (especially number 1 and 2). Otherwise, you remain a spiritual babe, tossed to and fro by every wind of prophecies... WISE UP AND GROW UP. DO NOT LET ANYONE DOMINATE YOUR LIFE. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AS GOD'S PRIMARY PROPHET OVER YOU, BEFORE OTHER PROPHETS GOD MAY SEND TO YOU.

## GUIDELINES FOR PROPHECIES AND DIVERS TONGUES IN A CHRISTIAN MEETING/ FELLOWSHIP.

Due to lots of disorderliness in the Corinthian churches about Gifts of the Spirit, Paul under the guidance of the Holy Spirit established the following guidelines:

REMEMBER THESE ONLY APPLY TO FELLOWSHIP GATHERINGS. They are taken from 1 Corinthians 14: 1 – 33

1. There must be ORDER in the church. Prophecy and Gifts of the Spirit are not good excuse for disorder and all sorts of insubordinations. DO EVERYTHING ORDERLY AND DECENTLY.
2. THE SPIRITS OF THE PROPHETS ARE SUBJECTS TO PROPHETS. Meaning two things: Someone giving prophecies is still under authority of whoever is leading the Service. Also, prophecies are not unconscious, the prophet can calm his spirit of prophecy when needed, and give later.
3. NOT MORE THAN ONE PERSON SHOULD PROPHECY PER TIME. Allow others to prophesy if there are multiple prophecies. Do yours and sit down. Wait for your turn to prophesy.
4. WHEN SPEAKING DIVERS TONGUE IN AN ASSEMBLY, SEEK GOD TO INTERPRETE. BUT IF THERE IS NO INTERPRETATION, THEN STOP. DON'T SUBJECT EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH TO STOP AND LISTEN TO YOUR TONGUE WITHOUT BEING EDIFIED IN THEIR LANGUAGE.
5. RULE 4 ABOVE DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONAL TONGUE IN THE CHURCH. During service, YOU ARE FREE TO PRAY YOUR PERSONAL TONGUES DURING YOUR PRAYERS, WORSHIP ETC. HOWEVER, DON'T RAISE YOUR VOICE AND MAKE IT SOUND LIKE PROPHECY. PRAY YOUR TONGUE BETWEEN YOU AND GOD. DO THIS REGULARLY.  
Paul even said "I thank God I speak in tongue more than all of you" It means He was speaking in tongue in the meetings to the point they all can agree with this statement, but He was not using his tongue to distract anybody.
6. PRAY AND SING BOTH IN THE SPIRIT (IN TONGUE) AND IN UNDERSTANDING ALSO.

CONCLUSION: In this part, we have examined the first group of Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The vocal gifts. And have considered different parts of it.

THE AIM OF THIS SERIES IS NOT TO GROW IN OUR HEAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE AIM IS TO GROW IN YOUR PERSONAL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. I THANK GOD FOR THE TESTIMONIES THAT ARE ALREADY POURING IN.

EVERYONE OF US SHOULD MAKE USE OF THIS STUDY TO GROW IN OUR SPIRITUAL OPERATIONS. TIME OF DRY KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS OVER, LET US GET INTO SOME REAL EXPERIENCES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE IS GOD IN US.

FAN INTO FLAMES THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE. THERE IS MORE THAN THIS. LET US GO DEEP INTO THE RIVERS OF THE SPIRIT. MOVE TO THE NEXT LEVEL NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.

DESIRE THESE SPIRITUAL GIFT. DESIRE TO BE USED OF GOD TO PROPHECY AND SPEAK FORTH THE WORD OF THE LORD TO YOUR GENERATION.

IF YOU SPEAK DIVERS KIND OF TONGUES, DESIRE TO INTERPRETE SO YOUR TONGUES CAN BE PRODUCTIVE TO THE CHURCH. LET US EXPLODE OUR WORLDS FOR JESUS. YES WE CAN. YES WE WILL! IN JESUS NAME!!!

(Leave your comments and questions for me as usual: Especially the part that bless you most and please share your testimonies as well. We will also try our best to answer questions too. )

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU.



## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 9. GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – REVELATION GIFTS

Under part 8, we started examining the Gifts of the Spirit in details. We looked at the overview on the Gifts of the Spirit and the three different classes, namely the Vocal/Utterance or Talking Gifts, the Revelation Gifts and the Power Gifts. We further had a thorough look into the vocal/utterance Gift. PLEASE LOOK FOR PART 8. IT IS VERY RICH.

In this part, we will examine the revelation Gifts and trust God to give us deep understanding of His Word. Amen.

Again, let us read our text: 1 Corinthians 12:1,4 – 11

1 “Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.”

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (profit withal).

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### REVELATION GIFTS: -WORD OF WISDOM, WORD OF KNOWLEDGE AND DISCERNING OF SPIRITS.

These are called revelation gifts because they REVEAL certain information DIVINELY by the operation of the Holy Spirit. We are going to be looking at the Gifts of Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom together and later examine the gift of Discerning of spirit.

**WORD OF WISDOM AND WORD OF KNOWLEDGE:** These two gifts are very similar in operation but different in purpose. The difference in these two gifts is the difference between wisdom and knowledge. Knowledge is the acquisition of information, while Wisdom is the ability to make good decision based on knowledge. Both word of knowledge and word of wisdom involve speaking out divine revelation in words. Those are what you often see ministers operate when they call out cases that God reveal to them about individuals or families.

The difference between these two gifts is that while word of knowledge will only reveal the information, the word of wisdom will involve a dimension of decision making. Word of knowledge may tell you the source of a certain problem. But Word of wisdom will tell you both the source of the problem and what you need to do to solve the problem. Word of knowledge is mostly for encouragement and comfort and for you know God is very aware of your situations BUT word of wisdom will give a sense of direction in addition to the knowledge.

**EXAMPLE OF WORD OF KNOWLEDGE** in the New Testament is in John 4:16 – 20 where Jesus told the Samaritan woman all about her past marital life by the Holy Spirit. She did not have to do anything or make a decision based on that knowledge.

**EXAMPLE OF WORD OF WISDOM** was when Peter saw a trance of unclean animals and God asked him to go to Joppa and preach to the Gentile Cornelius the centurion (Acts 10:9 – 23), there He did not only got a knowledge, He got a direction on something to do based on the knowledge.

**DISCERNING OF SPIRITS:** This is a Holy Spirit given ability to discern whether a spirit is of God or not. It may also include discerning the source of a message or a vision or a so called man of God. Every believer is called to discern, however, the Gift of Discerning of Spirit is beyond that, it is a Supernatural enablement to do so without stress and it's not operated by everybody.

Someone that have this Gift often sees what others fail to see in a situation through the help of Holy Spirit. It might come in form of a revelation or a deep feeling in the spirit which will serve as a sign to recognize the spirit operating. It is not only be negative. It can also be positive. You can recognize God's hand in a person's life and even pick his or calling/gift. I remember a brother whom I met on facebook before my ministry became enlarged, we became friends and he started saying awesome some things about my calling through inbox. I was like bro, where did you know me? He told me he discerned me immediately we became friends. Many of the things he said are coming to pass right now. We are very good friends till now. That is an example of positive discerning of spirit.

A Scriptural example was when Paul's entourage was followed by a girl who was prophesying a good word on them day after day "these are the servants of God, who show us the way of Salvation, hear them"... However, after couple of days, Paul became irritated in the Spirit and knew this person was not operating Holy Spirit, He then cast out the evil spirit from her. Acts 16:16 – 20.

Please note: BEING A PSYCHOLOGIST OR BEING SUSPICIOUS OR TOUCHY IS NOT THE SAME AS THE GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRIT.

#### **METHODS OF RECEIVING REVELATIONS/ HEARING FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

As we said earlier, these three Gifts are classified as Revelation Gifts, because you receive a divine revelation from the Holy Spirit to know the information you are saying out as words of wisdom, or word of knowledge or to be able to discern the spirit. There must be a method you receive this knowledge from God. I will mention a few of them here:

1. Dreams. (Divine dreams given by the Holy Spirit to reveal a secret. But note, not all dreams are from God)
2. Open Visions. (Very few people have this experience. You will simply see a screen with your eyes opened)
3. Trance: (Trance is similar to dream/open vision, but you are not sleeping, you are in a kind of unconscious meditative state when you see the vision. And you get conscious back to recall the vision)
4. Spiritual Vision: VISION IN YOUR SPIRIT. I used to see this a lot. Sometimes as I am praying and close my eyes, I start seeing things in my spirit which I need to pray about for the person/situation.)
5. Audible Voice: This is not common too. You hear a voice speak to you. The voice should proceed from inside you, not some straying faint voice from a distance.
6. STILL SMALL VOICE IN YOUR SPIRIT. THIS IS THE MOST COMMON FOR BELIEVERS AND THE MOST RELIABLE. THOUGH YOU HAVE TO TRAIN YOURSELF TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE VOICE OF YOUR MIND OR THE DEVIL. IT IS THE MOST RELIABLE BECAUSE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOW WITHIN US AND HE SPEAKS FROM THERE REGULARLY. HE DOES NOT NEED TO SHOUT.
7. Through the Bible verses. Sometimes God speaks through the Bible verses to us literarily.

8. Through people's advice and counsel. In this case, you need to pick which one to accept.

9. Through signs, like fleece etc.

10. BY SIMPLY KNOWING THAT YOU KNOW. THIS IS ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL, THE TRUTH WILL JUST BE DONE ON YOU. YOU WILL JUST KNOW THAT YOU KNOW THIS IS WHAT GOD IS SAYING, AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN HOW YOU KNOW. YOU JUST KNOW.

You can mention others in the comment.

#### SOME IMPORTANT POINTS:

1. Understand all the packages in the Gifts of the Spirit are available for every believer moderately. For instance, all believers should be able to speak in tongues, and prophesy God's words over their lives (speaking forth). We should all have wisdom, knowledge, and discerning of spirits. We should all have faith, be able to perform miracles in the name of Jesus and lay hands on the sick for healing.

3. However, the difference is that THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT DIMENSION OF THESE IS ALWAYS MORE MASSIVE THAN PERSONAL OPERATION, AND IT REQUIRES NOTHING FROM YOU. To have personal faith, you need to study God's word and practice putting your trust in Him, but GIFT OF FAITH IS COMPLETELY SUPERNATURAL AND VERY UNUSUAL.

4. About the method of revelations/ receiving from God discussed above, the most spectacular are the most unreliable. I know people who hear audibly, who see open visions very frequently. From experience, they are also the most vulnerable to hearing from the devil, because devils uses the spectacular a lot. So, you regularly have to compare what you hear or see with the Scriptures, and also check your INNER PEACE. God's voice and revelation must be accompanied by undisputed inner peace. IF YOU OPERATE ANY OF THESE SPETACULAR, PLEASE READ A LOT OF SCRIPTURES, BECAUSE IT WILL HELP YOU TO BE FAMILIAR TO THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY IDENTIFY WHICH VOICE IS NOT FROM GOD, BECAUSE IT WILL NOT SOUND FAMILIAR.

5. Fan up the flame of your Spiritual Gifts. Grow in them. Practice and dare the impossible. Don't be afraid of making mistakes. We learn from mistakes at times. It is better than not to try. THESE GIFTS ARE CALLED THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT. ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO MANIFEST/ REVEAL HIMSELF THROUGH YOU. WE WILL BE COMPLETING WITH THE POWER GIFTS NEXT.

Please drop your comments/ questions for me. I like to read and respond to them. Let us go extra mile in God. Don't settle for the surface. Desire for greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit than you are experiencing right now in Jesus name. Amen. Don't forget. I LOVE YOU!!!

## STUDY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES PART 10 THE POWER GIFTS AND THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Finally we are coming to the end of this awesome series on the Holy Spirit and for me, it has been a very refreshing time of revival learning about the Holy Spirit, and I have read lots of testimonies about what God is doing through this series. This is the last part of this series. PLEASE READ PATIENTLY.

We have examined so far who Holy Spirit is and the importance of His FOREVER indwelling presence in our lives and that He is committed to be in us forever. We have also examined how to NOT grieve or quench Him. We then went ahead to discuss three levels Holy Spirit can relate with human, HOLY SPIRIT WITH, HOLY SPIRIT IN, AND HOLY SPIRIT UPON. We further examined what the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is to a believer evidenced by speaking in other tongues; and we went on into the practical steps to experiencing this awesome heavenly experience without stress. We further emphasized the importance of continuous infilling of the Holy Spirit, by majorly praying in the Holy Spirit, fellowshiping and regular meditation and study of God's Word.

Furthermore, we started studying Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which the Bible described as the manifestation of the Spirit, and so far, we have extensively examined six out of nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit: the Vocal Gifts (Prophecy, Divers kinds of tongues and Interpretation of tongues), the Revelation Gifts: (Gift of Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge and Discerning of spirits) We had parts 1 to 9 and had hundreds of powerful comments by men of God. If you miss any of these, please go get them on my wall. This will be the last part, that is why I will be discussing the last three Gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit together in this part. Then we will PDF the whole series for ease of access.

### PART 10A: THE POWER GIFTS:

These are: Gift of Faith, Working of Miracles and Gifts of Healings.

(1 Corinthians 12:9-10a, 11)

“9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,  
10 to another miraculous power...

11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

Now, I have had people ask me questions like: Is faith, or healing or working of miracle peculiar to some Christians as Gifts of the Spirit? Are we not ALL given faith? Did Jesus not commission us ALL to perform miracles, healings, signs and wonders? So, let me start from there. Yes, we all are given faith as Gifts through which we are living as God's righteous, “The righteous shall live by faith” and “God's Righteousness is revealed from faith to faith.” So, we are all given faith. And yes, we are empowered for the miraculous and to heal the sick and raise the dead.

HOWEVER, just like the other six Gifts of the Spirit, there are people who are specially gifted by the Holy Spirit in these areas (faith, miracles and healings); and they do these things EFFORTLESSLY. Holy Spirit gives any of His Gifts as He wills or determines. 1 Corinthians 12:11

“11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

The main difference is that anyone who has these gifts operate them more frequently and ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY, it is NOT as a result of their fervent prayer life or meditating or confessing the Word to have faith, these Gifts manifest as pure Gifts, no efforts applied. Such people completely defy logic whenever the Gift is operating. And mostly, it does have to do with their five-fold ministry offices – they are mostly prophets or evangelists. These Gifts mostly help them in fulfilling their ministry offices. For instance, an evangelist mostly have that need to perform healings and creative miracles for people to believe his message and accept Jesus. Another thing is that these three power Gifts are interrelated. For example, gift of healing and working of miracles differ in that working of miracles go beyond just healings, it extends to lots of creative miracles, like raising of the

dead and exceptional healings, all effortlessly and without even “having faith literarily”. In the case of the Gift of Faith, this is not just the regular faith that grows by the hearing by the Word of God. Gift of Faith is always SUPER-HUGE, much higher than the spiritual level of person operating it. He himself would not believe he made those declarations later, because he was not the one, it was the Spirit.

Also, the Gift of Healing and working of miracles do not require anything at all from the person who is receiving the healing or miracle. For instance, if a believer who is not operating this Gift wants to minister healing, he often needs to first preach to the receiver in order to get some levels of faith from the receiver too before ministering the healing. However, for the person operating these Gifts, he does not need or require any faith from the recipient. He just declare and perform the healing/ miracle as the Spirit directs him at that point and sometimes it even happens unconsciously.

As per the Gift of Faith, the person operating it per time just discover the overwhelming conviction and faith in him over a particular seemingly impossible situation. The situation can be anything. Gift of faith applies to little situations and bigger ones. The main thing is that it is effortless. In fact, the person who is operating that Gift CANNOT doubt AT THAT TIME. His faith is supernaturally empowered to dare the impossible. It is like being drunk. Such people often wonder how they could do such things at that time and if confronted with the same situations again, they won't probably be able to apply the same level of faith they applied under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Many of the apostles in Acts operated these Power Gifts. At a time, Peter's shadow was healing the sick and casting out demons. (Acts 5:15). Philip the Evangelist was once caught up and he disappeared and reappeared in another place by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:39) It was so effortless. At other time, handkerchiefs were carried from the body of Paul to the sick and demons possessed, and the sickness was leaving them, and the demons were being cast out, SO EFFORTLESSLY. (Acts 19: 11-12). It was the Holy Spirit doing His works. It was not about Paul or Peter's faith or their strong human spirits (as some people have been erroneously teaching), it was about the Gift of the Holy Spirit manifesting on them at that particular time and for those particular purposes. And they are mostly INSTANTLY.

In our days, many creative miracles have happened through God's children and ministers by the Holy Spirit, parts of the body have been literarily created in front of congregations. I HAVE HAD A GROWTH DISAPPEARED FROM MY FINGER LITERARILY. Dead have been raised, lepers cleansed – ALL EFFORTLESSLY. These power Gifts are real and they are for us today.

However, unlike some of the other Gifts of the Spirit, these power Gifts are not operated at will by the person given them. They are operated as needed by the Spirit. How do I know? The same Paul who did so much miraculous, some of his ministries associates were sick in their bodies, and he could not just apply the “power Gifts” to heal them at will. He instructed Timothy

“Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.”(1 Timothy 5:23). He also wrote “But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.” Philippians 2:25-28, etc.

Also, please note that because these Gifts DO NOT DEPEND ON YOU, you will need to develop your personal faith life to live in divine health and healing. The fact that you minister powerful healings to others by the power of the

Holy Spirit does not automatically translate into your life. You got to develop your faith to enjoy all Christ offered on the cross. Do not rely on the Gifts for your living. "The righteous shall live by his own faith" (not the Gifts). Develop your faith by meditating in the Word of God.

How do I know if I have these power Gifts or how do I earnestly desire them according to 1 Corinthians 14:1? To know you have them, you will discover you have very deep desires to help people through the demonstration of the miraculous, you will discover an unusual thirst for the miraculous. And lastly, start by going out in faith to heal the sick, cleanse the leper and raise dead in Jesus name, don't wait for the Gift. You are already empowered by Jesus "These signs will follow those who believe. In my name, they will cast out the devils, pick up snakes, speak in new tongues, lay hands on the sick etc..." As you begin to do this, you will daily increase in faith, healings and working of miracles. And it will start taking the dimension of Holy Spirit Gifts soonest. Go in this Thy might. Go in faith. You lay the hands on the sick and watch Him do the healings in Jesus name.

#### PART 10B: THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This series will not be complete without briefly discussing the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Now, let me talk about the significance of the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Bible calls the Gifts, "the Manifestations of the Spirit", that is how the Holy Spirit manifests Himself to the world through the church. But the Fruit of a tree is that which people partake of in the tree which nourishes their health. FOR LONG, PEOPLE HAVE REGARDED THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS WHAT YOU DISPLAY TO SHOW THE WORLD YOU ARE A BELIEVER. WHILE THIS IS TRUE, DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE FIRST PARTAKER OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT? Stop focusing on showing something to the World. FOCUS ON ENJOYING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT UNTO YOUR OWN NOURISHMENT FIRST AND FOR YOUR HEALTH, and then the fruit will affect the world through you.

Another thing to note is that the Fruit of the Holy Spirit is not morality. It is not you trying to be a good person, or trying to be religious and showing them you got God on the inside. NO NO NO. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is what He produces, the only thing you do is to allow the Fruit to manifest outside. It is just like when Jesus said "Let your light shine". Our part is to allow the fruit to manifest through us, as we yield unto Him in faith and obedience.

One more thing. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is one. However, it has nine different components. So, the question is "what component of the Fruit of the Spirit is already evident and is manifesting in and through you and what other parts of the fruit is yet to manifest" Now, what are the component of this Fruit of the Spirit? We will examine them one after the other.

Galatians 5: 22 – 23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law"

LOVE: God is Love. The way to manifest Love is by fully receiving the unconditional Love of God and letting that love overflow out to the people around us. Love is the key to all other components of the fruit of the Spirit.

JOY: is different from happiness. Happiness is as a result of good happenings. When the going is good, you are happy, but when it is not, you are not. However, Joy is a product of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

"...Righteousness, Peace and JOY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT" As you yield yourself to the Holy Spirit, you experience His joy and express it.



**PEACE:** is the ability to maintain calm in difficult situations. You experience this supernatural peace when you practice the habit of casting your cares upon the Lord in prayers and you don't carry them by yourselves. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7. Christ Himself is our peace and through Him we have peace with God, and by casting our cares upon Him, we will experience "the peace of God which passes all understanding to guard our hearts".

**PATIENCE:** This is simply the ability to WAIT CORRECTLY after exercising our faith. Patience is not the ability to wait, because everybody has to wait sometimes even if you don't like waiting (like me). But waiting with the right attitude is patience. If you wait and you are complaining, that is not patience. If you wait, and get nothing done while waiting, that is waste of time. Patience is doing the right thing while waiting for the promise. It can be as simple as praying and confessing God's Word while waiting. Or learning a new skill or improving yourself. All these connote right attitudes while waiting and that is patience.

**KINDNESS AND GOODNESS** are very connected. You can't have one without the other. They connote being generally good and kind to people. Wanting to help people. Wanting to see people happy and doing everything in that regard. The story of Good Samaritans come to mind. Kind people go out of their ways to help other people. In fact, they can cause damage to themselves to see others happy. Just like Jesus laid down His life to see us saved.

**FAITHFULNESS:** means reliability. It means keeping your words at all expense. It means someone can put their faith in you. It means your words are not cheap. It means keeping agreements. Every relationship needs faithfulness especially marriage relationships.

**GENTLENESS** means being amiable and tender. It means not being harsh or hostile. It means meekness and humility. It does not mean weakness. Gentle people sometimes are very powerful, but they tame their powers in submission and refuse to be proud.

**SELF CONTROL:** simply means the ability not to be ruled by your feelings. Ability to do the right thing even when you are feeling otherwise. You feel sexy, yet you know it is not the right thing to do, so you tame yourself. You feel angry but refuse to act in anger. You feel like eating when you supposed to fast, and you refuse to eat. You feel like killing somebody because of what they did to you yet you forgive and let go. You feel like sleeping when you should pray, and you refuse to sleep. These are all examples of self-control. Not being ruled by feelings. Knowing that feelings are temporary. When you don't give in to them, they will eventually behave. However this is not just "self-discipline". It is a fruit of the Spirit. As you yield unto the Holy Spirit, you will receive the ability to stay above your feelings and not being ruled by them in Jesus name.

Lastly, on the fruit of the Holy Spirit, please do not judge or condemn yourself. What matters is that you are actively yielding to the Holy Spirit on it. Often, He teaches us through SPIRITUAL INTERNSHIP. By that I mean through practical daily living. If He wants to teach us patience, He will always bring situations that require patience to our ways. Just like Jesus "He learned obedience through the things He suffered" (Hebrews 5:8). IT IS A LIFETIME WALK GUYS. Even if you feel like you are moving too slowly, don't give up because of that. Keep working, keep yielding to the Spirit. If you fall, please don't stay fallen in that aspect, RISE AGAIN IN JESUS NAME.



As I am writing this note, I have the parts of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit I am working on, daily praying, studying and yielding myself to the Holy Spirit to manifest this fruit in me. So, I can eat of His fruit and become healthy in my mind and overall. I believe we are all at one point or the other. Continue to allow this sweet fruit of the Holy Spirit manifest through you as you yield daily unto Him through meditation, confession, prayers etc.

#### FINAL CONCLUSION:

It has been 10 awesome parts in this series of the study on the Holy Spirit. As you can all testify, Holy Spirit is a vast topic to discuss in ten parts series. These are just basic knowledge about His person and His operations in the church. There are million things and deeper depths to explore in Him. Don't be scared to relate with Holy Spirit. He is very sweet. In fact, He is the one who gets the fellowship according to Pauline prayers "May the Grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Sweet Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you". Whoever gets or give the fellowship or communion must be friendly. Holy Spirit is friendly and sweet.

Don't let the fear of grieving or quenching Him drive you away. Sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is not yours to commit. Throw away all fears and let us jump in embrace on the lap of the Holy Spirit, daily enjoying Him to the full. In Him is all the fullness of God expressed to us right now. He is the Father in us.

As I round up, I want to personally pray and express myself to the Holy Spirit in prayers and I hope you will join me.

"Sweet Holy Spirit of God. I want to thank you for this great opportunity for me to study about You along with your people for these past few weeks. We thank you for revealing yourself unto us. We thank you for revealing Jesus and the Father unto us. We are sorry in any way we have neglected your presence in our lives and have deliberately not fellowshiped with you as we suppose. We want to spend more time with you. We want to experience you in a much deeper way than we are currently experiencing. We want to enjoy your fullness and minister the Gospel in your power. We want your manifestation through our lives. We want to enjoy your fruit in our lives so we can live healthy lives and make healthy relationships. I want to personally ask for those still believing you for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongue, give them the faith and courage to open their mouth and speak this heavenly language you have given unto them. Holy Spirit, we earnestly desire Spiritual Gifts, please manifest them through us. Let our lives not remain the same after this series. May we never recover from the great impacts of these awesome studies about You.

We love you Lord. We worship you Lord. We honor Your Lord. Thank you as you give us the strength to continue to build up ourselves in our most holy faith, by praying in the Holy Spirit. Thank you for interceding for us and through us with groaning that can not be uttered. We will forever love you Lord, Our companion, Our Helper, Our Comforter, Our Intercessor, Our Teacher, Our Seal and Guarantor until the day of redemption of our body. Thank You for You will never leave us nor forsake us. We Love You Lord. In Jesus name. Amen..."

Please, leave me your awesome comments after reading this message. That is where the fellowship is. You can leave your questions also. We will all answer them together by God's Grace. Thank you so much those of you who have been hanging in there with me, especially since we started this very long series.. Yea, we did it together!!!!!! (I will let you know when the PDF is ready so you can request it). Looking forward to your fellowships in the comments. .

**YOU ARE ALL SUPER-AWESOME AND I LOVE YOU ETERNALLY!!!**

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